

Appl. No. 10/643,401

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Reply to Non-Final Office Action of September 2, 2004

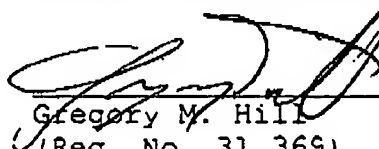
REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of September 2, 2004. Claims 1-15 are identified as being rejected. However, Applicants respectfully submit that any rejection directed toward these claims is incorrect because these claims had been cancelled by a preliminary amendment presented at the time this application was filed. This amendment added claims 16-28 which should be the claims subject to examination. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the file and issue a new Office Action, as necessary, based on the claims presently at bar.

CONCLUSION

Should any fees be due for entry and consideration of this Amendment that have not been accounted for, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 01-1250.

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